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LB 280, 536

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you want to explain the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, this bill was brought to me by the Lancaster Sheriff, Dale Adams who found that he had unclaimed property that was piling up in his office there over a two year period that could not be dealt with evidently under the present system because there really are not any statutes to deal with it. Although major items can be sold by the state treasurer in a process that we do have, the items that we are concerned with in this bill were small items that just accumulated over a period of time that he would like to get rid of but he would like to sell at an auction so some money could be raised that could then be kept by the county and used for public purposes. So, the feeling was that we just needed a statute to allow the county sheriffs to deal with the question of unclaimed property in a very expedient manner and this bill was introduced. There really isn't too many problems that I think we have with the situation other than what is dealt with here. State Treasurer Marsh did appear, had some concerns about hand guns and some other seized property and how to deal with it. There was a commitment made by the State Patrol to work with Treasurer Marsh to try to work out something for next session but because it is seized property versus unclaimed property which is what this bill deals with it was felt best not to deal with it in this legislation. So, the bill is back to county sheriffs dealing with unclaimed property.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 280. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. LB 536.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 536 is offered by Senator DeCamp at the request of the Governor. (Read.) The bill was first read on January 30. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a Task Force bill. It just transfers those duties from one department to another as per the agreement of all the various agencies. I move the advancement of the bill.